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SUBJECT: SOARES VISIT TO LIBYA

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1. PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES LEFT LIBYA NOV 12 AFTER THREE-DAY VISIT. SOARES MET QADHAFI, AND HAD TALKS WITH DELEGATION LED ON LIBYAN SIDE BY MINISTER OF INFORMATION DURDAH (LIBYA IS WITHOUT A FOREIGN MINISTER). PRESS SAYS THEY DEALT WITH "PROBLEM OF PORTUGUESE COLONIES, PALESTINIAN ARAB CAUSE, AND EUROPEAN-ARAB DIALOGUE". HE ALSO FOUND TIME TO SPEND ONE MORNING VISITING ROMAN RUINS.

2. SOARES IS QUOTED BY LIBYAN PRESS AS EXPRESSING "IMPORTANCE PORTUGAL ATTACHES TO DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES AND WITH LIBYA IN PARTICULAR". IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE, FULL TEXT OF WHICH WE ASSUME IS AVAILABLE TO DEPT AND LISBON, PORTUGUESE SIDE NOTABLY "EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PLO". IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT AT AIRPORT, SOARES IS QUOTED AS STATING, "WE CONSIDER PLO SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE".

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3. ON LIBYAN SIDE, IT IS APPARENT FROM COMMUNIQUE AND FROM STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO QADHAFI DURING HIS MEETING WITH SOARES THAT LIBYANS ARE STILL NOT COMPLETELY SATISFIED WITH PORTUGUESE INTENTIONS RE COLONIES. QADHAFI TOLD SOARES THAT "DISPITE FACT THAT FIRST OF SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION (I.E. LIBYA) BELIEVES THAT CONDITIONS HAVE NOT YET RIPENED (SIC IN PORTUGAL, NEVERTHELESS LIBYA HAS TAKEN THE INITIATIVE OF ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THE NEW REGIME AND BEGAN A DIALOGUE WITH IT". SOUNDING LIKE AN AFRICAN SPOKESMAN, QADHAFI URGED PORTUGAL TO "HURRY" WITH FREEING AFRICAN COLONIES, "IN ORDER TO GIVE MORE CONFIDENCE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT IN ESTABLISHING COOPERATION WITH PORTUGAL...." MINISTER OF INFORMATION DURDAH IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT LIBYA ACCEPTED "IN PRINCIPLE" ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION WITH PORTUGAL.

4. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC REFERENCE MADE DURING VISIT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.
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